A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, RECOGNIZING MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022, AS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most visible spokesman and leader of the American Civil Rights Movement; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Dr. King advanced civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, Dr. King was committed to his dream of unity and delivered over 2,500 speeches in 11 years; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Dr. King continued with his mission of civil rights, even though the consequences to his nonviolent protests, marches, and speeches resulted in being arrested 29 times; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, in 1963, Dr. King helped organize the March on Washington, where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, in 1964, Dr. King was won the Nobel Peace Prize, at 35 years old, for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance; and
- § 8. WHEREAS, Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee; and
- WHEREAS, Martin Luther King Day was signed as a U.S. Federal holiday in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and first celebrated in 1986;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

§ 10. Do hereby proclaim Monday, January 17, 2022 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the City of Norman and I invite all citizens to continue honoring Dr. King's legacy through continued support of human rights and hope through peace and learning in our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

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